

Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer



M.C. Al Jamison introduces "The Chocolate Chip Cookies": Opal Moore, Elizabeth Britton and

Rose Marie Johnson at talent show during recent AKA dance. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Frederick M. Lewis, U.S. Navy, recently returned to Portland aboard the U.S.S. America after completing duties in the Indian Ocean. Frederic is visiting with his father, Dr. Booker T. Lewis, local dentist.

the community. The film will be aired on KOAP in early December.

The Area Agency On Aging has scheduled a hearing on the City/County Aging Policy, December 3, 2 pm, at 1700 NE Alberta. The public is invited.

The Reverend Matthew A. Watley was welcomed to Bethel A.M.E. Church at a tea held at the Church Sunday, Nov. 22. Over 580 members and friends met to welcome the Reverend Watley.

Michael Preston, a Black man, and member of the Seattle Citizens Party, was elected to the Seattle school board in the recent election, with 68 per cent of the vote.

Mrs. Joyce Owens-Smith, Community Services Project Director for the Urban League of Portland, was selected to be vice-president of the Multnomah County Community Health Council. Appointed by County Executive Don Clark, this is Mrs. Owens-Smith's second year with the Council.

St. Vincent de Paul asks that you place canned goods and non-perishable food items into one of the ten thousand bags that they will distribute in local neighborhoods after Thanksgiving, and place them on your front porch for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and high school students to collect Saturday, December 5th and 12th.

Help save the Headstart Program for 200 Portland Children! Call or write President Reagan. Tell him that cutting the Headstart Program will raise taxes by putting more families on the welfare rolls.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission is now studying a report that as many as 100,000 Black slaves—the world's largest slave population—are laboring in Mauritania, a member of the Arab League on the western end of the Sahara Desert.

The report is based on a study by the Anti-Slavery Society, a prestigious London group founded in 1823. The slaveholders are the predominant Moors of Mauritania and their victims are Blacks who come from the country's southwest region

near Senegal. Mauritania has a total population of about 1.5 million.



Reigning Queen of the Oklahoma Club Elsie Peters and her escort Glancy McKneely at the club dance. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Will the Portland Public Schools be included in the "inferior education suit" that William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general for civil rights, plans to bring against some school boards across the country, contending that inferior education is being provided in some predominantly Black schools?

Members and friends of the Kwanzans enjoyed a Champagne Party Sunday, November 22 at Prince Hall.

—The U.S. has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in the world. —Births to girls between the ages of 14 and 18 have increased by 75 per cent since 1961. —Over 1 million girls aged 15 to 18 will become pregnant this year.

—40,000 girls under age 15 will become pregnant this year.

—About 58 per cent of pregnant teenagers carry their pregnancies to term, most of the rest choose abortions.

—About one third of the 1.3 million abortions in this country last year were obtained by adolescents.

Pregnancy-related problems are the number one health risk for teenage girls. Pregnant teenagers have greater medical risks, such as anemia, toxemia, and complications during delivery, than women in their twenties. Their babies are most likely to be premature or of low birth weight and are three times more likely to die in the first year of life than the children of women 20 to 24 years of age.

The social risks are just as disturbing. Eight out of 10 teenagers who become unwed mothers drop out of school. Consequently, many unwed mothers will fail to attain the skills to earn an adequate living for themselves and their children. Nor does marriage solve the problem since over half of the marriages of pregnant teenagers end in divorce.

A Turkey Trot to provide four Thanksgiving baskets for needy families was sponsored by Travis House Northwest and coordinated by Lavern Stroud. The event was held at J.B.'s Paradise on November 20th. Prize winners were: Don and Sandy Kieth, Eddie Richie, Stan and Donna Sorenson, Robert Smith. Donations of food were given by Hickory Farms, OJ Thriftway, Front Bakery, and John Brown Carmel Corn Shop.

Recipients of the food baskets were referred by Maranatha Church, Emmanuel Temple, Adult and Family Services and Broadway Hair Design.

The Jeffersonian, Jefferson High School's student newspaper, was recently awarded a First Class Honor Rating from the National Scholastic Press Association.

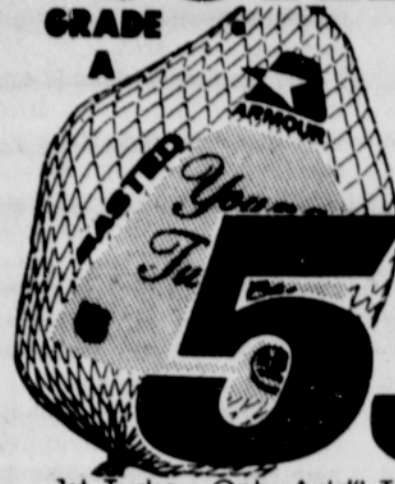
Ongoing Program Aimed at Disoriented Women—recently separated, widowed, or divorced. PCC job placement office will sponsor a career and life planning workshop for displaced homemakers beginning November 30 with sessions continuing through December 3 at the Friendly House Community Center, 2617 NW Savier, Portland.

Enrollment in the next workshop is limited to 30. Information and registration questions should be directed to Careers at the Portland Community College Sylvania Campus, 244-6111.

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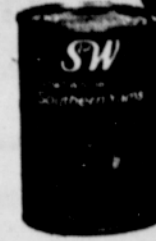


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by Tom Boothe

From the Front Door, during the last four weeks, while I have been publishing the essence of my philosophy on Human Relationships in life, at the request of some of my readers, THE EXODUS CLEAN TEAM has been busy producing more resources for our community's citizens. The EXODUS CLEAN TEAM is fast becoming Portland's No. 1 Community-based non-sectarian Service Organization. As you continue to support the EXODUS CLEAN TEAM, the TEAM will continue to build pride and respect in the citizens of Northeast Portland, especially those who live in the "Albina Community" of Northeast Portland.

Read this poem written by Mr. Johny Eugene Johnson, who is a self-motivated charter member of the EXODUS CLEAN TEAM. His poem is an example of the commitment, talent and inspiration of our Team's spirit.

THE EXODUS CLEAN TEAM
BY Johny Eugene Johnson

Out of the darkness in the still of the night
came three men with a dream shining so bright

A non-profit organization that's full of steam
with suicide efforts to keep our neighborhood clean.

When it comes to doing everyone looks to someone else,
but to get our community in order we must do it ourself.

So let's get things on the ball
because we're not waiting on City Hall!

Exodus is moving and we're right on time
doing our thing with cleanliness on our minds,

We are not singling out any certain group
and we're definitely not selling a bowl of soup.

However, we are selling self-esteem
because only you can keep your community clean.

We believe if your community is clean
then there is no place in your hearts to be mean;

Love is what it's all about
so help the Exodus Clean Team—shout it out!

Our basic principle sometimes puts us on the line
but in the end Exodus Clean Team will prevail for all mankind.

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